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[Sweden Joins the Sustainable Critical Minerals Alliance, Committing to the Sustainable Development and Sourcing of Critical Minerals](#)

Critical minerals are essential to meet our climate goals and transition to a prosperous net-zero economy. As countries around the world work to secure access to these critical mineral resources, it is equally important that the path to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net zero is built with a human rights-based approach and a commitment to sustainability.

Published 27 June 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#)

[Johan Forssell takes part in Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin](#)

On 10–11 June, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell will travel to Berlin to take part in the annual Ukraine Recovery Conference together with Business Sweden's CEO Jan Larsson and Director-General of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) Jakob Granit. This year's conference will focus in particular on the important role of the private sector in reconstruction, the importance of international cooperation and the human dimension. During his visit to Berlin, Mr Forssell will also meet with the German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze. He will also visit the German Vattenfall office.

Published 10 June 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#)

[Strong engagement for Sweden's mobilised efforts to boost global competitiveness and foreign trade](#)

On 9 April, Minister for Energy, Business and Industry and Deputy Prime Minister Ebba Busch and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell gathered leading actors in Team Sweden for a high-level meeting. The aim was to jointly foster better conditions for improved global competitiveness and foreign trade, and bolster Sweden's position internationally. The Government organised the meeting to discuss the work already in progress and the joint path forward.

Published 18 April 2024 · [Article](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#)

[Sweden and US strengthen cooperation on research, innovation and education](#)

To improve the conditions for cooperation between Swedish and American universities, research institutions and businesses on research, innovation and education, Vinnova and the Swedish Research Council have signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States of America.

Published 18 April 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Five northern European countries conclude international arrangements on transport and storage of carbon across borders](#)

A European infrastructure for carbon capture and storage is underway. Today, arrangements between Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Sweden allow cross-border transport and geological storage of captured CO₂.

Published 16 April 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Romina Pourmokhtari](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#)

[Inter-agency initiative to attract and retain international expertise](#)

The shortage of workers with sought-after skills is one of the main obstacles to growth for companies in Sweden and has also become an obstacle to regional development. In light of this, the Government is allocating SEK 25 million in 2024 to strengthen coordination of the ongoing efforts of eleven government agencies linked to attracting and retaining international expertise.

Published 04 March 2024 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Johan Pehrson](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Employment](#)

[Strategy for Sweden's trade, investment and global competitiveness](#)

The strategy for Sweden's trade, investment and global competitiveness was presented on 1 December 2023.

Published 16 February 2024 · [Report](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Renewed strategic partnership between Sweden and France](#)

Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and President Emmanuel Macron have signed a renewed strategic innovation partnership declaration between Sweden and France. It includes new areas such as nuclear energy, forestry and security.

Published 31 January 2024 · [Press release](#), [Webcast](#) from [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Competitiveness and green transition in focus when Prime Minister received Petteri Orpo and Ursula von der Leyen](#)

On Friday 19 January, Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson received Finland's Prime Minister Petteri Orpo and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen in Stockholm. Topics discussed during the visit included current EU issues, support to Ukraine, competitiveness and the green transition.

Published 24 January 2024 · [Article](#) from [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Prime Minister to receive Petteri Orpo and Ursula von der Leyen](#)

On Friday 19 January, Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson will receive Finland's Prime Minister Petteri Orpo and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. A joint press conference will be held in the afternoon.

Published 15 January 2024 · [Press release](#), [Webcast](#) from [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Government has adopted a new Strategy for Sweden's Trade, Investment and Global Competitiveness](#)

The Government has adopted a new trade strategy, with the objective of giving Swedish businesses the best possible conditions to both address emerging challenges and of harness business opportunities that arise in the green and digital transition.

Published 13 December 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Johan Forssell](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[International cooperation to triple global capacity of nuclear energy](#)

On Saturday 2 December at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP28), Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, French President Emmanuel Macron and the United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry – together with heads of state and government, ministers and industrial leaders from some 20 countries – launched a declaration for strengthened cooperation in the area of civil nuclear energy.

Published 07 December 2023 · [Article](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

[Updated Swedish strategy to combat antibiotic resistance](#)

The Swedish Government has adopted an updated strategy to combat antibiotic resistance (AMR). The overarching goal continues to be preserving the possibility of effective treatment of bacterial infections in humans and animals. The strategy will apply until the end of 2025.

Published 27 April 2020 · Updated 30 November 2023 · [Article](#) from [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#), [Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure](#)

[Joint statement by Canada and Sweden on sustained engagement on critical raw materials, battery value chains and emerging technologies](#)

The countries are working together to build economic resiliency and provide new market opportunities for Canadian and Swedish businesses. The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, and Ebba Busch, Minister for Energy, Business and Industry and Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden made the following statement.

Published 05 October 2023 · [Statement](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#)

[Life sciences conference in era of personalised medicine](#)

On 26–27 June, Europe's key stakeholders in the life sciences sector will gather to highlight the importance of research and innovation in personalised medicine. The conference, organised within the framework of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU, will be live-streamed.

Published 22 June 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Jakob Forssmed](#), [Johan Pehrson](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#), [Ministry of Health and Social Affairs](#)

[UK-Sweden Joint Leaders Statement: 19 June 2023](#)

The UK and Sweden share historic ties of friendship and are essential allies. We have forged a strong partnership, based on shared values and in support of multilateralism and a rules-based international order. We are united in our steadfast commitment to working together for the security and protection of our citizens and to strengthen European security as a whole. This Leaders' Statement celebrates and reasserts the enduring and extensive connections between the United Kingdom and Sweden, which benefit from the agreements between the United Kingdom and the European Union, of which Sweden is a member.

Published 19 June 2023 · [Statement](#) from [Ulf Kristersson](#), [Prime Minister's Office](#)

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[Government instructs Business Sweden to coordinate efforts to set up large battery plants as part of automotive industry's green transition](#)

Last week, the Government decided to task Business Sweden with strengthening the coordination of efforts to set up large battery plants as part of the automotive industry's green transition.

Published 08 June 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Ebba Busch](#), [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#)

[Competition in times of crisis](#)

The importance of maintaining active competition enforcement with regard to markets and companies in times of crisis was a recurring message during the European Competition Day conference.

Published 16 May 2023 · [Article](#) from [Ministry of Climate and Enterprise](#)

[Swedish Presidency accomplishes a great deal in the areas of business and energy](#)

We are four months into the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU, and good progress has been made in achieving the energy transition and enhancing long-term growth and productivity in the EU. In parallel, negotiations on EU legislation are ongoing – several agreements have been made, including with regard to the European Chips Act and the Renewable Energy Directive.

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